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1. FOR REASONS OUTLINED IN AMBASSADOR MARTIN'S EXPLANATION OF US ABSTENTION ON DEC 5, WE CONTINUE TO REGARD AS UNREALISTIC THE APPROACH TO THE CTB ISSUE CONTAINED IN SOVIET CTB RESOLUTION. (RESOLUTION CALLS ON ALL NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES AND 25-30 NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES TO COMMENCE CTB NEGOTIATIONS BY MARCH 31, 1976.) IN ORDER NOT TO CONVEY IMPRESSION THAT US WISHES TO BLOCK CTB NEGOTIATIONS, WE HAVE SO FAR REFRAINED FROM STATING EXPLICITLY THAT WE WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS ENVISAGED IN RESOLUTION. WE HOPED THAT AS A RESULT OF SOVIET INSISTENCE THAT CTB NEGOTIATIONS NOT PROCEED WITHOUT ALL NWS, TOGETHER WITH FRENCH AND CHINESE REFUSAL TO JOIN, NO ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN TO INVITE NWS, TO FORM COMMITTEE, OR TO CONVENE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. HOWEVER, IT APPEARS FROM REFTEL, ESPECIALLY REMARKS BY SINGAPORE REP AND USYG BUFFUM, THAT EFFORTS MAY BE MADE TO FORM CTB COMMITTEE IF IT SEEMS THAT MORE THAN ONE NWS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE. IN ORDER TO DAMPEN INTEREST IN CONVENING CTB COMMITTEE, WE NOW BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE

TO ELIMINATE ANY UNCERTAINTY THAT MAY EXIST REGARDING OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD PARTICIPATION.

3. ACCORDINGLY, MISSION SHOULD INDIGATE TO WEO GROUP AND TO USYG BUFFUM THAT, IN THE ABSENCE OF CONDITIONS THAT COULD MAKE CONVENING OF SEPARATE CTB NEGOTIATIONS USEFUL, ONLY SOUND COURSE OF ACTION IS TO CONTINUE CONSIDERATION OF TEST BAN ISSUES IN EXISTING NEGOTIATING FORUMS, PARTICULARLY CCD. WE THEREFORE BELIEVE A NEW CTB COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT BE FORMED AND WE WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IF SUCH A COMMITTEE WERE FORMED. INGERSOLL

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